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For: WATER ABSORPTION MEASURING METHOD OF POROUS CELL STRUCTURE,  
WATER ABSORPTION INFORMATION DISPLAY METHOD AND CATALYST  
CARRYING METHOD

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